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Subject: 'WET MARKETS'

I've been alert to the profound animal cruelty, environmental devastation and public health concern of the WET MARKETS for 40 years now and protested this concern in every legal way imaginable in those years all of which fell on deaf ears. Now perhaps the time has finally arrived to awaken society and those in the political arena who are willing to pay attention to its existence to do something relevant about this most pertinent issue! I call upon those concerned with the dire public health concern of COVID-19 currently devastating our HEALTH and our and the World's ECONOMY to end the SOURCE of this devastating disease by banning the Wet Markets in L.A. over which we do have sway! The mis-handling of wild animals is transferring this disease from animals to humans as the crowded transporting, caging and neglectful conditions under which these the deeply STRESSED animals are held, FOSTERS VIRUS such as Salmonella, Pasteurella, Giardia and many other ZOOTONIC diseases. The World has suffered through SARS, MERS, Ebola and now COVID-19. all fostered by wild animal to human transference. Many species such as ducks, goats, sheep, rabbits, turtles, bullfrogs, snakes and other creatures are victimized in this cruel way and ILLEGAL, fully-alive animals may be sold to customers to take home to slaughter.

Frogs and turtles by the millions, snakes and other wild animals are snatched from their natural habitats upsetting Nature's Balance and threatening BIO-DIVERSITY!. We are fast shattering the Web of Life on which Man depends!

The unspeakable cruelty to which these animals are subjected is UNCONSCIONABLE to any person with a humane ethic!

Are the ZONING Ordinances being enforced for this vile display of Man's enormous capacity for animal cruelty??

This city should safeguard its Ordinances and CLOSE and PROHIBIT WILD ANIMAL Markets not only because of its OBVIOUS cruelty and also because of the terror and devastating damage to Public Health which has caused this PANDEMIC which now ruins our lives and livelihoods! Surely L.A. does not wish to be a party to FOSTERING its continence or being the epicenter of a future Pandemic?? THIS MUST NOT BE! ENOUGH!